# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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THEFT OF RAILWAY PROPERTY
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any efforts have been made to reduce theft of railway property in Vijayawada Division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the vigilance and curb such incidents in future?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH )

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. In order to control crime against railway property including booked consignment, preventive measures are being taken as a result of which crime against booked consignment has gone down from 12 cases in 1998-99 to 6 cases in 1999-2000. The following important steps have been taken:-

1. As far as possible, escorting of trains carrying valuable and important consignments.

2. Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/sections.

3. Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the condition of wagons/seals, carrying consignments.

4. RPF armed pickets are posted/deployed to collect criminal intelligence with a view to tracking down offender.

5. Plain clothed RPF personal are also deployed to collect criminal intelligence with a view to tracking down offender.

6. Based on criminal intelligence, raids and searches are conducted on the dens of criminals/receivers of stolen property in order to bring them to book.

7. Close co-ordination between RPF, GRP and local police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen property.

8. Dog squads are deployed for patrolling in yards and vulnerable areas as per their availability.